

RRMC Minutes  
April 7, 2016

Attending: RRMC members Marian Hazzard, John Root, Brenda Kennedy-Davies, Cristina Cox Fernandes, and Arnie Alper; Andrew Steinberg, Select Board and Peter Hechenbleikner, Temporary Town Manager.

March 1, 2016 RRMC meeting minutes: Approved as written.

Next Meeting set for Thursday May     , 2016, 4:30-6:00.

Solid Waste Master Plan: Town Manager Peter Hechenbleikner suggests committee put forth short list priorities for the SWMP, hiring of staff position is a means to an end, not the end goal. After review of the SWMP Summary, committee members offer suggestions for focal points; organics diversion from restaurants or other applicable businesses, establishment of a single-hauler system, curbside recycling increase, pay-as-you-throw, viability assessment and expansion of services for the transfer station, enforcement assessment, education about zero-waste and waste reduction including in the schools, recycling at multi-family residences, a town-wide zero-waste plan, and others arise as examples of potential priorities. The committee reinforces that waste reduction manager position is a major priority, and a prerequisite for many of these suggested focus points and should remain on the list of priorities. Peter Hechenbleikner suggests that others may be better suited for controlling enforcement, such as members of the DPW. With a pay-as-you-throw system, enforcement may be less necessary, but a PAYT system may be impossible without a single-hauler system. Peter Hechenbleikner believes a single-hauler system managed by the town is unlikely. Splitting the town into sections with specifically contracted haulers may be possible, as opposed to different property owners contracting with separate haulers within the same area of town. The town could also contract with a single independent hauler through a bid process, which is not managed by the town. Committee members identified primary personal priorities. Single-hauler and PAYT arise as the top priorities for the majority of the members, with organics diversion conceivably included as a portion of this ideal system. Apart from the feasibility of PAYT, a single-hauler system has multiple issues in terms of consistency of accepted materials, noise pollution, and pollution from exhaust coming from multiple trucks. Finding a price-point for a pay-per-bag may prove difficult. Convening a task force for multi-family residences should be considered, especially with a PAYT system at multi-family residences. The SWMP proposal will be reviewed at the June 6<sup>th</sup> select board meeting once a new list of priorities is established.

Transfer station recommendation report to Town Manager's office: Brenda Kennedy-Davies will send report.

Water bill insert in regards to education from transfer station: John will ask Guilford Mooring about progress.

Sustainability Festival on April 16: Marian can attend for 4 hours, Kevin will attend for the extent of the festival, Arnie may be able to attend from 2pm on, Cristina is unsure. At least 10 student volunteers will be attending and assisting. Compost buckets will be available for sale, pellet bag collection, e-waste collection, textile collection, Styrofoam collection, and educational material to be distributed. The DPW may be able to provide a truck for the electronics recycling, Brenda will ask.

